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1. The airfield south of NOGILEV (30°19'E/53°54'N), White Russian SSR, had three hangars. There was no concrete runway on the sodded landing field.
2. The field was occupied by about 100 single-engine and twin-engine aircraft; the latter had a glazed nose and single rudder assembly.

3. The about 2,500 x 3,300-foot MOGILEV airfield was located south of a bridge crossing the Dnepr River.
4. The following aircraft types were observed at the field:
IL-2s, twin-engine bombers and biplanes.

5. The airfield was located south of MOGILEV, about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of the concrete road to KRICHEV ($31^{\circ}42'E/53^{\circ}42'N$) (see Annex). The landing field was oval. Three hangars were located on the edge of the field.

6. There was day and night flying, mostly twin-engine bombers and fighters. Group parachuting was also practiced.

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7. The about 3,300-foot square airfield was located south of MOGILEV and the Dnepr River and had three or four hangars.
8. The airfield was occupied by fifteen to twenty single-engine planes (single-seat, retractable landing gear) and some twin-engine aircraft. There was little flying.

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Comment:

a. The information on the location, condition, and size (2,500 x 3,300 feet) of the field, which has been known since the German occupation in World War II, is correct. Because of partisan activity during the war, the field was usually unoccupied and had not been improved. It was not destroyed by the withdrawing German troops.

b. Of the statements concerning the occupation of the airfield, only that in para. 8 is considered credible. A ground attack regiment equipped with IL-2s and presumably some obsolescent twin-engine aircraft are stationed there.

1 Annex: Airfield of MOGILEV

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